(f) and (g) The Drug Policy including DPCO, 1987 is still under review of the Government.

Direction of the Court for Recovery

1134. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1326 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1991 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government first agreed to one sided order of the Bombay High Court through its consent and are now shielding the company by not taking the direction of the court;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Government are proposing to seek directions to recover the amounts and withdrawal of consent order in the absence of non-submission of data by the company;

(d) whether it is a fact that the hands which reduced the liability of Rs. 100 crores to Rs. 3.19 crores are still active and at work in his Ministry;

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to expedite the recovery;

(f) whether it is a fact that even the time schedules given by the Court have been violated; and

(g) what steps are being taken to investigate the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (g) Hearing was proposed to be given to M/s. Hoechst in the last week of March, 1992. The company has, however, submitted a detailed representation which is under examination. The company has not yet made available the entire data for the period after 25-8-1987 in a number of cases. The tentative liability of Rs. 77.81 crores communicated earlier to the company does not take into account the impact of the data yet to be received from the company. The company has been informed that in case they do not supply the data, Govt. will have no alternative but to make use of whatever data becomes available from other sources to enable determination of liability of the company and passing of a speaking order, in accordance with the order dated 8th March, 1991 of the Bombay High Court. All efforts are being made to expedite the entire process of consideration, hearing and passing the speaking order in this case.

Charging Exorbitant Prices by Multinationals

1135. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3092 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1991 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that for several bulk drugs given in the annexure there are no notified prices and the multinationals are charging exorbitant prices;

(b) if so, names of these drugs and since when each drug fall under DPCO, 1987;

(c) whether it is also a fact that notifications available in the Parliament library are over nine months old and the details of current prices are not available;

(d) whether Government are incapable of giving the current prices of 50 old bulk drugs produced by the multinationals;

(e) what are the current prices of each of the bulk drugs given in the annexure and when were they fixed and what was the old price of each; and

(f) what are the names of these bulk drugs, prices of which have not been fixed after Aug. 1987 and what are the reasons for non-fixation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (e) In the annexure to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3092 answered on 19th December, 1991, the names of both

controlled and decontrolled bulk drugs were given. For most of the controlled bulk drugs produced indigenously the Government have fixed the prices and have issued Gazette Notification. In case of remaining controlled bulk drugs which are produced indigenously, efforts are in hand to collect all relevant data/information for fixing the prices in consultation with the BICP. Interim prices have been fixed wherever found feasible. The details of current prices of controlled bulk drugs under DPCO 1987 mentioned in the annexure to R.S. U.S.Q. 3092 along with previous prices are given in the statement. Other remaining bulk drugs are either completely imported or not under price control.

(f) The names of bulk drugs for which the BICP has yet to recommend the prices after the inception of DPCO, 1987 were given in the annexure to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2253 answered on 12th March, 1992.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Unit	Current price	Date	Previous price
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Trimethoprim	Kg.	1400.00	1-11-91	1046.00
2	Erythromycin Stearate	Kg.	2642.00	30-9-91	2076.00
3	Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate	Kg.	4313.00	30-9-71	3532.00
4	Benzathine Benzyl Penicillin	Kg.	2673.00	1-11-91	2084.00
5	Aluminium Hydroxide	Kg.	37.56	25-4-91	29.13
6	Amodiaquine	Kg.	809.00	3-8-91	693.00
7	Chloramphenicol Powder	Kg.	1300.00	23-10-90	1110.00
8	Chloramphenicol Palmitate	Kg.	1115.00	11-8-89	861.00
9	Dihydralazine	Kg.	472.00	20-9-88	433.32
10	Sulphaphenazole	Kg.	294.00	7-3-89	—
11	Sulphadiazine	Kg.	318.00	30-8-91	278.00
12	Phthalyl Sulphathazole	Kg.	461.00	16-10-87	219.72
13	Sulphadimidine	Kg.	318.00	30-9-91	278.00
14	Metronidazole	Kg.	475.00	14-9-91	43.00
15	Betamethasone	Gm.	149.42	9-10-91	144.19
16	Ibuprofen	Kg.	521.00	30-8-91	45.000
17	Vitamin A	MMU	1741.00	10-9-91	1541.00
18	Hydrocortisone	Kg.	2286.00	9-5-91	2215.00
19	Pheniramine Maleate	Kg.	726.00	17-3-89	684.00
20	Frusemide	Kg.	1982.00	9-10-91	1911.00
21	Baralgon Ketone	Kg.	1926.00	25-10-88	1810.00
22	Dexamethasone	Gm.	135.33	30-8-91	92.00
23	Dapsone	Kg.	257.00	14-12-88	250.00
24	DEC Citrate	Kg.	347.00	30-8-91	284.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
25	Parachloro Meta Xylenol	Kg.	293.00	9-10-91	221.00
26	Chloroquine Phosphate	Kg.	1171.00	30-8-91	950.00
27	Pyrazinamide	Kg.	1688.00	30-8-91	1222.00
28	Mebhidroline/Napadisylate	Kg.	1207.00	30-8-91	1010.00
29	Oxytetracycline	Kg.	827.00	21-1-92	765.00
30	Tetracycline	Kg.	1084.00	26-2-91	1022.00
31	Sodium PAS	Kg.	129.00	27-10-87	116.80
32	Isonizid	Kg.	358.00	24-2-92	304.00
33	Pyrantel Pamoate	Kg.	1346.00	26-2-92	1282.00
34	Diloxanide Furoate	Kg.	501.00	25-9-91	472.00
35	Insulin (Crystalline)	MMU	16957.00	30-8-91	13991.00
36	Sulphamethoxazole	Kg.	351.00	25-9-91	340.00
37	Digoxin*	Gm.	183.75	30-8-91	183.75
38	Predinisolone	Kg.	26327.00	9-5-91	25234.00
39	Chloroquin Phosphate	Kg.	1464.00	30-8-91	1180.00

*It was decided to retain the same price on 30-8-89.

Applying for fixing prices of formulations

1136. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 1316 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December 1991 and state :

(a) what are the details of cases where manufacturers of bulk drugs did not apply for fixation of prices of formulations within 30 days of revision in price of the bulk drug by Government during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) in how many of such cases even *suo moto* reduction in prices of formulations have not been made by Government and as result, benefit has not percolated to the common man;

(c) whether it is a fact that in all such cases consumer is being overcharged and the producers are reaping unintended benefits;

(d) whether such instances have been going on inspite of the fact that they are within the knowledge of Government; and

(e) what are the factual details in this behalf during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) and (b) In the event of revision of price of a bulk drug its manufacturer would apply for price revision of formulations based on such bulk drug only if he happens to be manufacture of formulation as well. Due to inflationary condition and foreign exchange rate adjustment, the prices of majority of bulk drugs were revised upwards during 1990-91 and 1991-92. *Suo moto* revision is undertaken in case of ceiling packs of formulations involving reduction and is an ongoing exercise.

(c) to (e) As and when any instance of overcharging comes to the notice of the Government, appropriate action as provided under DPCO, 1987 is taken.